

SUBJECT No. 190.

Gradual delegation of powers to Village Panchayets.

Mr. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shimoga District Board.

Mr. Srinivasa Dikshit.—It is found very difficult to secure suitable men to work as Chairmen of Village Panchayets. Instead of giving these Panchayets all at once all the powers provided for in the Regulation, Presidents of Taluks Boards may be authorised to delegate powers to these Panchayets gradually.

Second Member of Council.—If this is done, Amildars might usurp all the powers.

Dewan.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 191.

Publication of a Manual for the guidance of Taluk Boards and Village Panchayets.

Messrs. Anjaneya Setty and P. Vasudeva Rao, Pavagada Taluk.

Mr. Anjaneya Setty.—A manual for the guidance of Taluk Boards and Village Panchayets may be ordered to be published early, as owing to the absence of such a manual, great inconvenience is felt in the preparation of accounts.

Dewan.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 192.

Mohatarfa and Local Cess on Excise and Forest Revenues to be credited to District Funds as at present.

Messrs. K. Naranappa and Gubbi Komaraiya, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, and Bale Venkatasamaiya, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—The income from Mohatarfa and Local Cess on Excise and Forest Revenues may be continued to be credited to District Funds as at present.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 193.

Collection of arrears in Municipalities as arrears of land revenue.

Mr. Sanganabasappa, Chamrajnagar Municipality.

Mr. Sanganabasappa.—Arrears in Municipalities are now very heavy and can only be collected by resort to Civil Courts. The Municipal Regulation may be amended so as to provide for such arrears being recovered as arrears of land revenue.

Second Member of Council.—Not desirable to amend the law as proposed.

Dewan.—In no country in the world is municipal tax collected so rigorously. As it is, people are already subjected to inconveniences.

SUBJECT No. 194.

Control of District Boards over Veterinary Sericultural, Agricultural and Co-operative Inspectors.

Mr. B. Oosman Khan, Bangalore District Board.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—The diaries of Agricultural Inspectors are sent direct to the Head of the Department and District Boards will not know anything of their work. To enable the District Boards to get acquainted with the work of these men, I propose that their diaries and programme of work should be sent to the District Boards in future.

Mr. Purushothamanandagiri Gosai.—Most of the technical men are not members of District Board. Consequently the work done by these men is not brought to the notice of that body.

Dewan.—These officers are members of the economic sub-committees. They ought to be able to give the required information about the work of the Agricultural Inspectors to the District Boards.

Mr. Guruchennabasaviah.—Officials to be appointed in Municipal offices may be lent by Government. If this is approved, the officials will not only have the chance of reverting to Government service, whenever they are not wanted by the Municipality, but will also have the prospect of rising in service.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthy Rao.—Municipal officials should not be kept in one place for more than three years.

Second Member of Council.—The difficulty is, it takes time for a man to learn his work. If he is transferred, the new man may not be able to cope with the work.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—If they are allowed to remain in the same place for a long time, serious consequences will happen.

Dewan.—Noted. Such transfers may be arranged by mutual consultation of Presidents of Municipalities.

Mr. Siddagangappa.—Tolls levied by Municipalities on vehicles, etc., passing through Provincial and District Fund Roads may be abolished.

Dewan.—Municipal toll is a legitimate source of income to the Municipality.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthy Rao.—I do not understand why toll should be collected from through passengers.

Dewan.—Toll is levied in all civilised countries. It is not peculiar to Mysore and cannot be abolished. Exempting through traffic will however be considered.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao.—(*Per contra*) Tolls are meant for maintenance of roads. They must not be abolished.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The allotment for the repair of local fund roads is very small. Government should give subvention or motor cars should be prohibited from running on these roads.

Dewan.—How will you enforce the rule? The matter will be enquired into.

Messrs. Gopalaswami Iyer, Karnick Krishnamurthy Rao and S. Srinivasa Iyengar.—At present, District Boards have no control over the expenditure incurred on District Fund works in the P.W.D. though the District Boards spend more than Rs. 70,000 annually. A separate Engineer, may be given to the District Board. The establishment charges now given to the P.W.D. are sufficiently large to enable a separate establishment being maintained for looking after these works.

Dewan.—The question as to whether the scheme may be introduced in the two Districts of Bangalore and Mysore will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 195.

Loan of services of Government officials to Municipalities.

Mr. Guruchannabasavaiya, Tumkur Municipality.

SUBJECT No. 196.

Abolition of tolls levied by Municipalities on vehicles, etc., passing through Provincial and District Fund Roads.

Mr. Siddagangappa, Ramasamudra Municipality.

SUBJECT No. 197.

Declaration of a general policy with regard to the maintenance of Local Fund roads.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board.

SUBJECT No. 198.

Maintenance of a separate Engineering establishment to supervise District Fund works.

Messrs. R. Gopalswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality, and B. Osman Khan, Bangalore District Board.